

**DREDGING STATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES FISH COMMISSION
STEAMER FISH HAWK, LIEUT. Z. L. TANNER COMMANDING, FOR
1880, 1881, AND 1882, WITH TEMPERATURE AND OTHER OBSERVA-
TIONS.**

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In the summer of 1880, the headquarters of the United States Fish Commission were established at Newport, R. I., and the steamer Fish Hawk, then newly constructed, made its dredging and trawling trips from there, whenever the weather permitted. The field of explorations for the summer included Narragansett Bay, Sakonnet River, and the regions to the northward, eastward, and southward of Block Island. In September and the first part of October, three trips were made by the Fish Hawk to the inner edge of the Gulf Stream slope, between latitudes $40^{\circ} 05' 42''$ N. and $39^{\circ} 46'$ N., and longitudes $70^{\circ} 22' 06''$ W. and $71^{\circ} 10'$ W., in depths of 64 to 487 fathoms, resulting in the discovery of a new and exceedingly rich fauna, both as regards fish and marine invertebrates. On her passage to Washington in November, the Fish Hawk also trawled off the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, in depths of 18 to 300 fathoms.

During the summers of 1881 and 1882, the headquarters of the Commission were at Wood's Holl, Mass. As the shallow waters of this region had been quite fully explored by the Commission in 1871 and 1875, very little time was expended in work near land; but advantage was taken of all pleasant weather to still further investigate the rich faunal region of the Gulf Stream slope, discovered the previous year. Seven trips were made to this region, in 1881, between latitudes $39^{\circ} 40'$ N. and $40^{\circ} 22'$ N., and longitudes $69^{\circ} 15'$ W. and $71^{\circ} 32'$ W., in depths of 43 to 782 fathoms. A line of dredgings and trawlings, at intervals of about four miles, was made from off Noman's Land to the Gulf Stream slope, in order to connect the inshore with the offshore stations; and a few trips were also made in Vineyard Sound, Buzzard's Bay, and off Chatham, Cape Cod, on, and in the vicinity of, Crab Ledge. Cod trawl-lines were set on most of the outside trips, for the purpose of catching fish that would not enter the beam-trawl.

In 1882, five deep-water trips, were made to the same region, extending the area of dredgings considerably beyond its former eastern and western limits. A few hauls of the dredge and beam-trawl were taken in Vineyard Sound, and one trip was made to the one-hundred fathom line, off the eastern side of Cape Cod. The most eastern haul on the Gulf Stream slope for 1882, was in latitude $40^{\circ} 08'$ N. and longitude $68^{\circ} 45'$ W.; and the most western in latitude $39^{\circ} 31'$ N. and longitude $72^{\circ} 06'$ W.; the deepest haul was in 787 fathoms. Cod-trawls were set on two of the trips only.

The temperatures of the air were taken, in part, with a Jas. Green, in part with a Signal Service, thermometer; the temperatures of the bottom and surface waters were obtained by means of Negretti and Zambra deep-sea thermometers. The bearings are all magnetic. As the bearings and latitudes and longitudes indicate only the points at which the dredge or trawl was lowered upon the bottom, the direction of the drift of the vessel and the distance gone over in dredging and trawling have been given in most cases, to show the extent of the hauls. The figures in the column of "Drift" indicate the distance of the drift in miles. The abbreviations in the column of "Apparatus used" have the following significations: D., dredge; R. D., rake-dredge; O. D., oyster-dredge; T., trawl; O. T., otter-trawl; B. T., Blake-trawl; Tan., tangles; C. T., cod-trawl.

The New York fishing schooner, Josie Reeves, Capt. F. M. Redmond, employed by the Fish Commission to look for the tile fish (*Lopholatilus chameleonticeps*) in the neighborhood of the one-hundred fathom line, south of Martha's Vineyard, made five stations in that region, which for convenience sake have been given numbers in the regular series from 1145 to 1149, inclusive. She used cod trawl-lines and lobster-pots.

1132	Sept. 2	2.45			Fishing Village, SE. by E., $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.....	N.N.E., $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.....	4	...do.....	72.0	65.0	62.0	D.
1133	Sept. 2	3.10			Fishing Village, SE., $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.....	E. by S., $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.....	4	...do.....	72.0	65.0	62.0	D.
1134	Sept. 6	1.26 p.m.			Vineyard Sound, Menemsha Bight:							
1135	Sept. 6	2.20			Gay Head Light., W.S.W. $\frac{3}{4}$ W., 2½ miles..	N.W. by N., $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.....	9½	Sand, mud.....	76.0	66.0	64.0	T.
1136	Sept. 6	3.50			Gay Head Light., W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S., 3 miles.....	N.E., $\frac{1}{2}$ mile	7½	do.....	71.0	66.0	64.0	T.
					Gay Head Light., W.S.W. $\frac{3}{4}$ W., 3 miles.....	N.E., $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.....	10	Mud.....	70.0	66.0	63.0	D.
1137	Sept. 8	6.00 a.m.	39 40	71 52	Atlantic Ocean:							
					Off Martha's Vineyard.....	N.N.W., $\frac{1}{2}$ mile	173	Fine sand, pebbles.....	68.0	70.0	46.0	T.
1138	Sept. 8	7.24	39 39	71 54		N.W., 1 mile.....	168	do.....	72.0	71.0	46.0	T.
1139	Sept. 8	8.48	39 37	71 55		N.W. by W., 1½ miles.....	291	Mud.....	74.0	72.0	44.0	T.
1140	Sept. 8	10.35	39 34	71 56		N., 1 mile.....	374	Fine sand, soft mud, pebbles.....	78.0	73.0	40.0	T.
1141	Sept. 8	12.27 p.m.	39 32	71 57		W. by N., $\frac{1}{2}$ N., 1 mile.....	389	Sand and mud.....	80.0	74.0	40.0	T.
1142	Sept. 8	1.52	39 32	72 00		W. by S., $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.....	322	Mud, with sand and pebbles.....	80.0	74.0	41.0	T.
1143	Sept. 8	3.36	39 29	72 01		N.W., 2 miles.....	452	Soft mud.....	80.0	74.0	40.0	T.
1144	Sept. 8	6.00	39 31	72 06		N., 1 mile.....	386	do.....	75.0	74.0	41.0	T.
1145*	Sept. 21		40 03	70 28			135-160					T.
1146	Sept. 21		40 02	70 41			130-150					C.
1147	Sept. 22		40 01	71 02			125					C.
1148	Sept. 23		39 54	71 22			100-125					T.
1149	Sept. 23		39 50	71 25			110					C.
1150	Oct. 4	6.35 a.m.	39 58	70 37		E., $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.....	140	Sand.....	65.0	62.0	47.0	T.
1151	Oct. 4	7.45	39 58 30	70 37		E., 2 miles.....	125	do.....	66.0	62.0	48.0	T.
1152	Oct. 4	8.42	39 58	70 35		E., 1½ miles.....	115	do.....	68.0	62.0	48.0	T.
1153	Oct. 4	10.45	39 54	70 37		N., $\frac{1}{2}$ W., 1½ miles.....	225	Sand and mud.....	70.0	62.5	44.0	T.
1154	Oct. 4	12.10 p.m.	39 55 31	70 39		N. by W., 1½ miles.....	193	do.....	62.0	62.5	44.0	T.
1155	Oct. 4	4.06	39 52	70 30		N. N.W., $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.....	554	Soft mud.....	64.0	63.0	40.0	T.

* Nos. 1145-1149 indicate the stations of the fishing schooner Josie Reeves, using cod trawl-lines.